Increasing the quantity of food grains for welfare schemes

†3236. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains are distributed to the States for the welfare institutions under the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some States have demanded the increase in the quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details of such States; and

(e) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Welfare Institutions in the States/Union Territories are being allocated foodgrains in addition to allocation made under Targetted Public Distribution System. A Statement showing the allocation/offtake of foodgrains under this scheme for 2006-07 is annexed. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura and Union Territory Dadar & Nagar Haveli have requested to increase the quantum of foodgrains allocated to them for their welfare institutions. Since the offtake of those States & Union Territories is less than the allocated foodgrains under the scheme in the preceding years, their requests for increase in the quantum of foodgrains have not been agreed to.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Allocation and offtake for the year 2006-07 made under welfare institutions and hostels.

(fig. In 000s tonnes)

		Allocation			Off take		
S. No.	State	Rice	Wheat	Total	Rice	Wheat	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	202.93	0.00	202.93	201.75	0.56	202.31
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.24	0.08	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Assam	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.00	0.01
4	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	1.44	0.60	2.04	0.09	0.00	0.00
6	Delhi*	0.20	0.32	0.52	0.01	0.03	0.04
7	Goa	0.36	0.12	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Gujarat	3.36	7.80	11.16	0.02	6.07	6.09
9	Haryana	0.07	0.13	0.20	0.00	0.02	0.02
10	Himachal Pradesh	0.60	0.59	1.19	0.43	0.07	0.50
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Jharkhand	0.10	0.04	0.14	0.26	0.03	0.29
13	Karnataka	44.17	21.01	65.18	13.27	4.37	17.64
14	Kerala	1.80	0.73	2.53	0.54	0.19	0.73
15	Madhya Pradesh	2.28	5.28	7.56	0.78	2.64	3.42
16	Maharashtra	7.56	17.64	25.20	5.71	9.68	15.39
17	Manipur	0.36	0.12	0.48	0.31	0.10	0.41
18	Meghalaya	1.44	0.00	1.44	1.34	0.00	1.34
19	Mizoram	0.96	0.00	0.96	0.61	0.00	0.61
20	Nagaland	1.20	0.49	1.69	1.40	0.64	2.04
21	Orissa	13.44	0.00	13.44	10.52	0.03	10.55
22	Punjab	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
23	Rajasthan	0.12	0.36	0.48	0.04	0.25	0.29
24	Sikkim	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Tamil Nadu	38.64	0.00	38.64	37.55	0.47	38.02
26	Tripura	0.68	0.00	0.68	0.41	0.00	0.41
27	Uttar Pradesh	0.48	0.18	0.66	0.03	0.09	0.12
28	Uttarakhand	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	West Bengal	2.28	0.96	3.24	0.09	0.00	0.09
30	A&N Island	0.05	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.01
31	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	D&N Haveli	0.06	0.01	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35	Pondicherry	0.24	0.12	0.36	0.08	0.00	0.08
	Total	326.27	56.72	382.99	276.26	25.24	301.50

*Orders for additional allocation for the month of February, 2007 and March, 2007 for 15.00 quintals of rice and 61.00 quintals of wheat per month have been issued on 12.4.2007. Therefore, these quantities of foodgrains have not been included in the year 2006-07.

Sugar factories

3237. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that sugar factories in Karnataka are not buying sugarcane from the farmers in the State and the growers have threatened to commit suicide as they would have to burn their crops in the fields and would not be able to re-pay their bank loans;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government to defuse the crisis; and